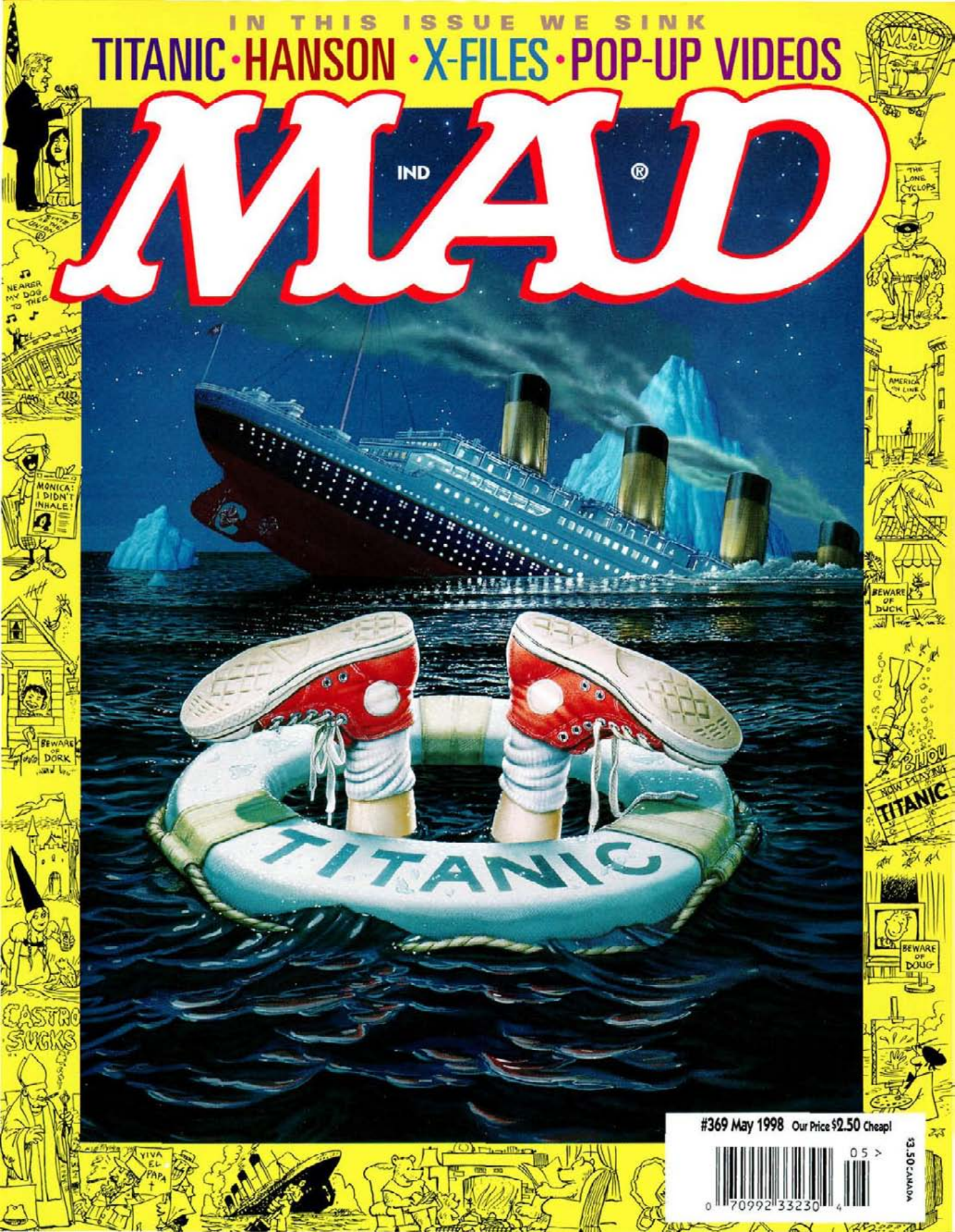


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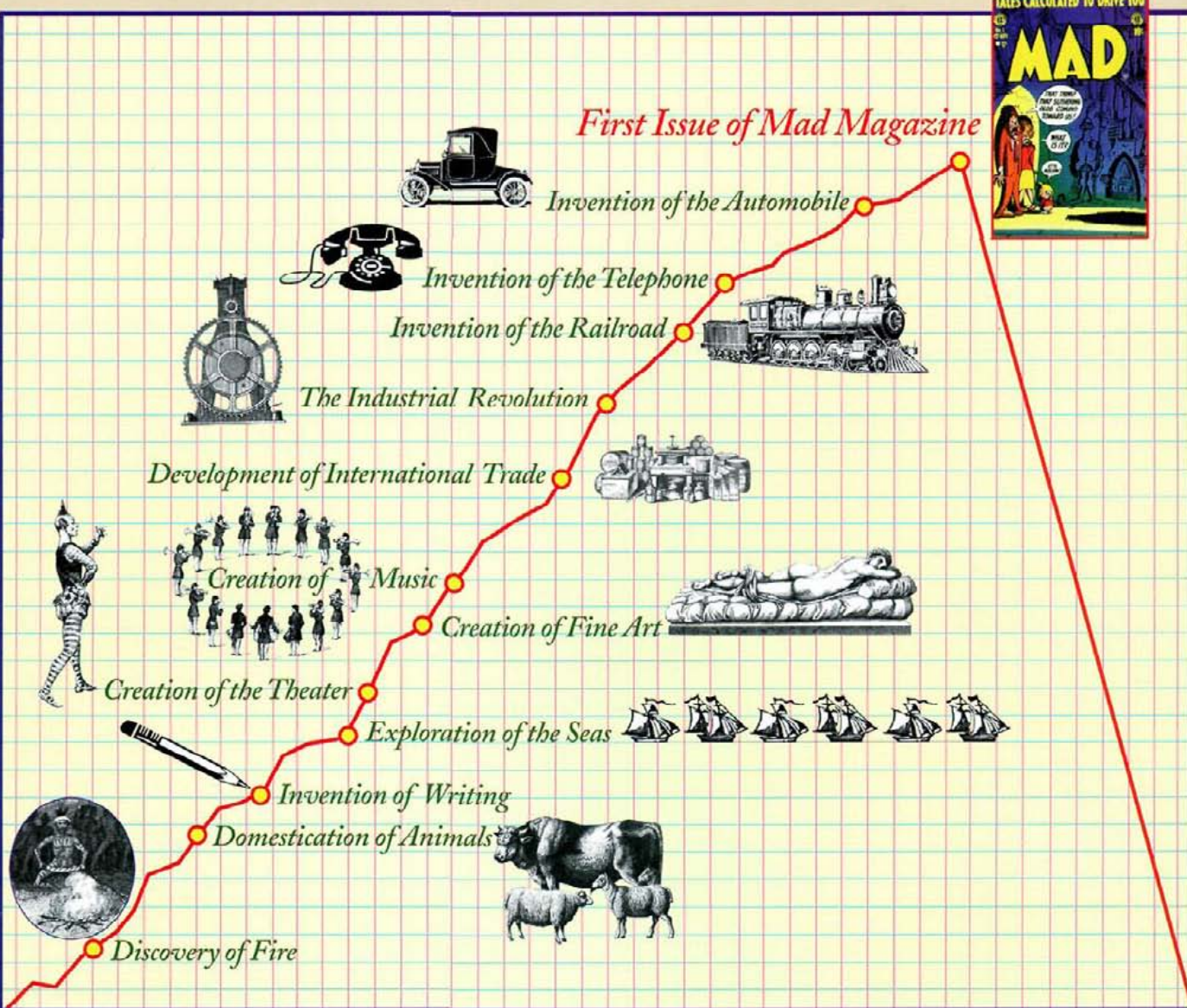
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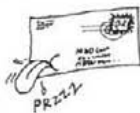
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MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS

I have been a dedicated reader of MAD for more years than I care to count, and will be for many years to come. Hopefully, the next few years will be courtesy of you! Enclosed is a picture of Brooke Shields holding a copy of MAD #364 in which her character in *Suddenly Susan* is spoofed ("NBC's Desperate Plans for Seinfeld Spinoffs"). I am lucky enough to have a great brother-in-law who is a writer and co-producer of the show; he somehow (by means I'm sure we'd rather not know about!) got Brooke to pose. As a lowly paid elementary school teacher, I need all the freebies I can get!

Jan Aptaker
Los Angeles, CA



You get an A+, a happy face rubber stamp and a gold star, teach! Unfortunately, you don't get a three-year subscription! Just Kidding! It's in the mail! Jan, kudos, we love our Miss Brooke's photo! —Ed.

THE GREAT WHITE NORTH

I have noticed that you don't print very many Canadian letters. Why not? Are we not important enough to get into your crummy magazine?

Brian Amos
Saskatchewan, Canada

Famous Amos — It's not that you and your fellow Canadians are unimportant. It's strictly a matter of finances. Thanks to a weak exchange rate, when a Canadian sends his bribe money to have his letter printed, there's barely enough to cover expenses. You follow, eh! —Ed.

I'm a Canadian in southern Ontario, and I've been reading your magazine for about eight years, eh! I like it, but I don't understand why you never make fun of us Canadians. Why is that? Also, why don't you have any classified advertising? I think you should.

Chad Irish
Ontario, Canada

Chad — Thank you for your letter and your wonderful suggestions. We will bring them up for discussion at our next editorial meeting. —Ed.

P.S. An extra special thank you for including your bribe money in American currency! —Ed.

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As many NHRA (National Hot Rod Association) fans already know, there is a new kid on the track. It's the "What Me Worry" kid Alfred E. Neuman! The "MAD Racing — Unsafe at Any Speed" car (A custom funny car with speeds of over 300 mph) debuted on the Warner Brothers studio lot in Los Angeles this past January. In the photo on the left, a guy in an Alfred E. Neuman suit introduces the car and its driver, Jerry Toliver. In the second photo, who should drop by but Drew Carey, star of *The Drew Carey Show* (duh)! The car will be racing around the country, so watch for it on TNN, ESPN or at a drag racing track near you! Be sure to stop by and say hello and offer some driving tips to Jerry Toliver! Unfortunately, Drew Carey won't be there! For more information, visit the web site NHRA.com!



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IT WAS "THE BEST OF" TIME..

Once again we are proud to present a reader's choices of what he felt were MAD's best articles from 1997!

Here are my choices for best of 1997:

Best Movie Satire: Howie'd Stern, Private Putz (#359)

Best TV Satire: Mil-Lemon-ium (#358)

Best Article: (Tie) PETARD's Animal Rights Newsletter (#356) and Six Degrees of Separation Between Anyone and Anything (#363)

Best Satire of a Movie That Deserved it: The Last Word on Jurassic-had-it Park (#361)

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Best Super Special: Tales Calculated to Drive You MAD #1

Best Overall Issue: (#363)

Doug Anderson
Concord, NC

We wonder how many readers will send in their picks for the best of 1998 next year! —Ed.



WRESTLEMANIAC

I am usually satisfied reading everything in MAD. But in issue #366's "Pro Wrestling by the Numbers" you said that Yokozuna had the biggest breasts and that Sunny had the second biggest. A true wrestling fan would know that Sable has bigger breasts than Yokozuna and Sunny put together.

Alex Reed
Lyons, KS


Lexie — You may be right, but in thinking about it again we would now cast our vote for Ric Flair. Man, have you ever seen him lately? What is he, a C-cup now? Wooooooo! —Ed.

ICEBERG'S-EYE VIEW


I've always been a loyal fan and collector of MAD, but I think you went too far when you printed a story about the Titanic sinking in issue #365 ("The World According to Carp"). Those people suffered so much through that whole ordeal and the least you could do is leave them alone.

Jackelyn Navarro
Queens, NY

Jacks — While the Titanic sinking was indeed a tragedy, as far as sheer numbers go, 1,513 fatalities is a drop in the ocean compared to the millions and millions of people who suffered through James Cameron's 4 hour and 79 minute snooze-arama film! Towards the end of that we had TOOTH PICKS holding up our eyelids! It was all we could do to contain ourselves from yelling at the screen "DROWN YOU \$%&*, just drown so I can get the HELL OUT OF HERE, I gotta pee!" On the other hand, we did enjoy the tasty peek at Kate Winslet's lovely breasts! While they are not as big as Sable's (or Ric Flair's for that matter) they did make it worth going back two more times! —Ed. P.S. For some additional fun, check out our satire of *Titanic* in this very issue you hold in your hands! —Ed.



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I'm Schlock Love-It, leader of an underwater expedition to find lost treasure! Movie producers have already gone to the bottom of the barrel looking for old stories to recycle, so I'm going deeper! All the way to the bottom of the ocean to find a tale that's been told too many times, and a lot better, already! But this time, I have a new gimmick! I not only dug up an old story, I dug up an old lady to tell it to you!

Pay attention, this is tricky! I'm the same Rouse as the young Rouse you're about to meet, except I've aged 85 years! That's how long the Trypanic has been at the bottom of the ocean! Of course, when you see all my wrinkles, you'll think I've been at the bottom of the ocean for 85 years too! I'm telling my story in flashbacks which is a big help, because at my age remembering it all at once is impossible! Not to mention implausible! But I'll tell you this: when you're on a sinking passenger ship, what do you do? Try a call for help? Try a last-ditched effort to get to a lifeboat? Naaaaah! You...



I'm Jerk Awesome, and I won tickets on the Trypanic playing poker! I have a feeling, though, that the guy I won them from didn't want to go on this ship! He insisted my pair of fives beat his flush! I'm an artist and I have a vivid imagination! At least that's what people say when I try to sell them my sketches! They say: "If you think that crap is art, you have some vivid imagination!"

I'm Rouse Blackwater, and I'm returning to America with my fiancé! He's handsome and rich, but he's so proper and stuffy he wears starched shirts, bow ties, and bowlers — even when he makes love! I, on the other hand, I like to sleep in the nude, whether at night in bed or by day in a deck chair poolside!

I'm Rouse's mother, Ruthless! My daughter Rouse has many radical ideas, but her wildest ones concern marriage! She has this weird notion that people marry for love! Fortunately, I'm teaching her the truth: that you marry for money! And there's love in that! Love of money!

I'm Callous, Rouse's fiancée! Rouse has a burning desire to experience and explore all that life has to offer! That's everything I HATE in a woman! On the other hand, she's got great legs and a great chest! That's everything I LOVE in a woman!



TRY PANIC

I'm Captain Sullen, and I'm worried about the ship's construction! When they christened it, the champagne bottle didn't break, but the first two feet of the bow shattered! Luckily, it's a very long ship, so no one will miss those couple of feet! I've equipped the Trypanic with many modern scientific navigation instruments, including this square globe of the world!

I'm J. Bruce Dismay, the ship's owner! On her maiden voyage, I'll push the captain for extra speed! No, not so we'll get headlines when we dock! I want the extra speed so we can get through the lame love story that's gonna unfold aboard ship as fast as possible!

I'm Toomuch Android, the ship's builder! I've built everything on a giant scale, except the rudder, which is so tiny it makes the ship hard to steer! But I'm not dumb! I put it underwater where no one can see it! I concentrated on important things — the BIG things people can see! Like giant shuffleboard courts! I had to get rid of hundreds of lifeboats to do it, but that's the price you pay for world class shuffleboard!

I'm Folly Brown! I'm an obnoxious laugh riot — and I'm also rich! That's why I'm traveling First Class! Get it? First Class! For some strange reason, I've earned the nickname: "The Unsinkable Folly Brown"! Truth is, I'm so fat, I'm the "standby" anchor for this colossal ship!



Why are you trying to commit suicide? Look at you! You have beauty, charm, poise! What could possibly be wrong?

My mother makes me wear very tight corsets! I can't stand it anymore!

So? Look at me! I'm wearing tight pants and I'm not complaining!

Hmmm...I'm not complaining about your tight pants either! My fiancé always has a large bulge in HIS pants, but that's from his enormous bankroll! But since you seem to be poor, you've given me a reason to live!

You saved my fiancée's life! I'd like to thank you by inviting you to the first class dining room!

Great! I always wanted to taste first class food!

Actually, I was inviting you to watch US eat, but perhaps sampling our leftovers isn't out of the question!



Tell us, Jerk, are the rats in steeage a problem?

Then I can handle! It's the rats at this table that worry me!

Jerk, put the FOOD in your mouth, not your FOOT!



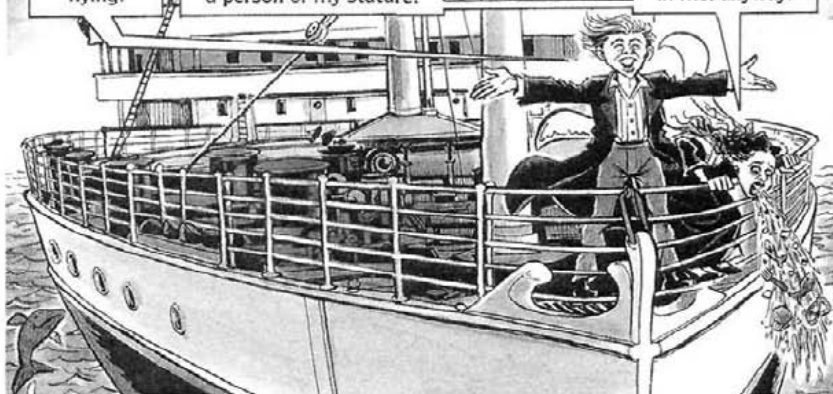
Jerk and I met secretly! He made me close my eyes and he took me to the very bow of the ship!

Okay, open your eyes! Look. Rouse! I'm flying! I'm flying!

Good for you, Jerk, but I'm barfing! I'm barfing! And barfing is humiliating for a person of my stature!

At least you're barfing first class food!

You always bring out the best in me...er, well, bring UP the best in me, anyway!



I'm sorry, but you can't come in here. Miss! This is third class, and we have a dress code!

What sort of dress code?

Specifically, you can't wear a dress! Especially an expensive one!

Don't fret, Rouse! First chance I get, I'm gonna get you some old, tattered clothes — real third class rags!

You're really sweeping me off my feet, Jerk!



Jerk and I had a great time, but there was hell to pay when I went back to Callous in the morning!

You didn't come to me last night. Rouse! I wanted to have sex!

I wouldn't have had sex with you without consulting my mother!

You need your mother to tell you how to have sex?

Heck, no! I need my mother to tell me how much to charge you for sex!





I don't want you to see that little runt, Jerk, anymore! From now on you'll do what I say, when I say it!

You struck me!

I got carried away! Let me say I'm sorry by giving you this 40 carat diamond! It's called the Star of the Seasick!

And you think that's adequate compensation for this cut across my face from your fist???

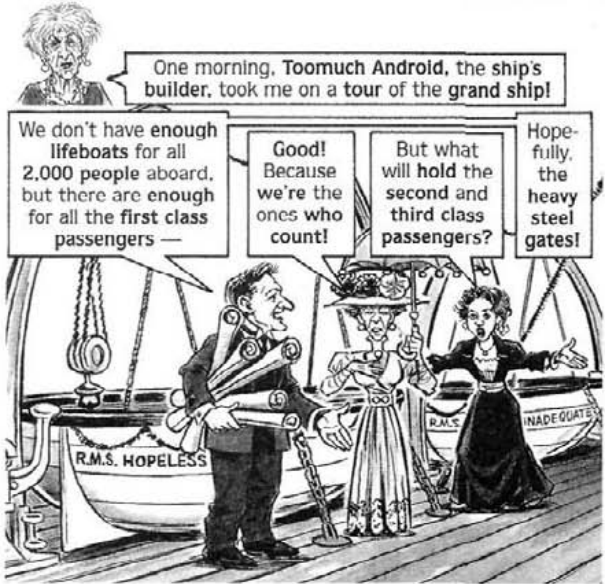
More than adequate! Say "thank you" to your fiancé, my dear!



Jerk, I said I'd like you to paint me in the nude, but I don't think you quite understood!

There's nothing else for me to take off, Rouse!

I'm not complaining about that, but I wanted to be the one in the nude!



One morning, Toomuch Android, the ship's builder, took me on a tour of the grand ship!

We don't have enough lifeboats for all 2,000 people aboard, but there are enough for all the first class passengers —

Good! Because we're the ones who count!

But what will hold the second and third class passengers?

Hopefully, the heavy steel gates!



Do you think you can speed up the ship a bit, Captain?

We're going pretty fast now, and besides, we're coming into an area where icebergs have been sighted!

But the faster we go, the quicker we get through the region with the icebergs!

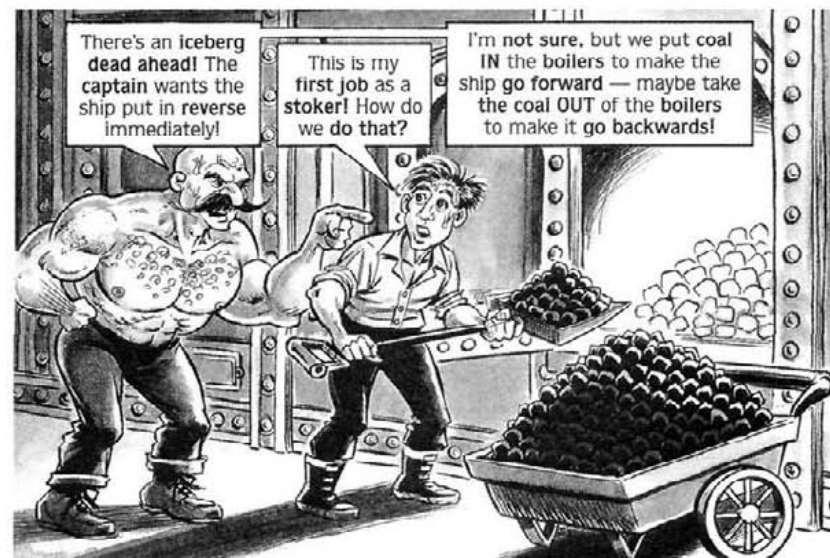
My God, you're right! How stupid of me not to think of that! Let me signal "full steam ahead"!



What are we supposed to do on this watch?

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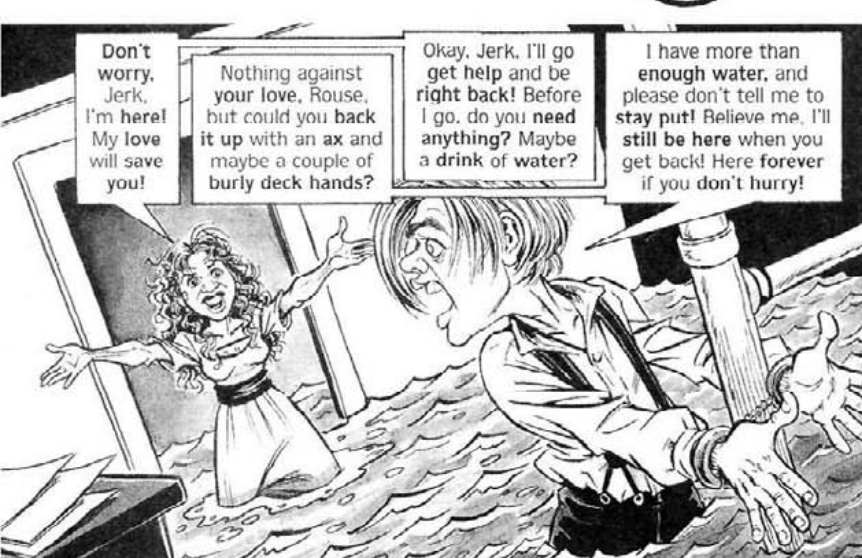
Then we're fortunate, mate! There's one dead ahead! And it's a giant one! Boy, talk about luck!

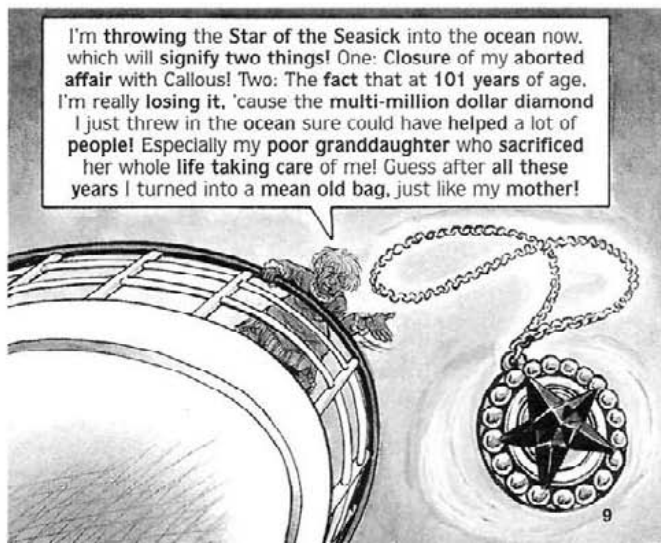
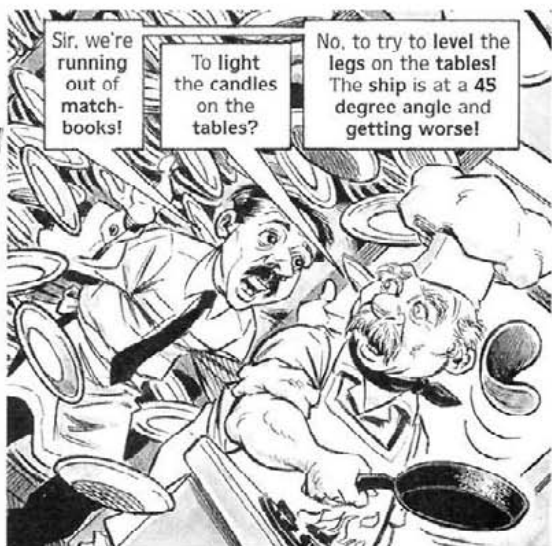
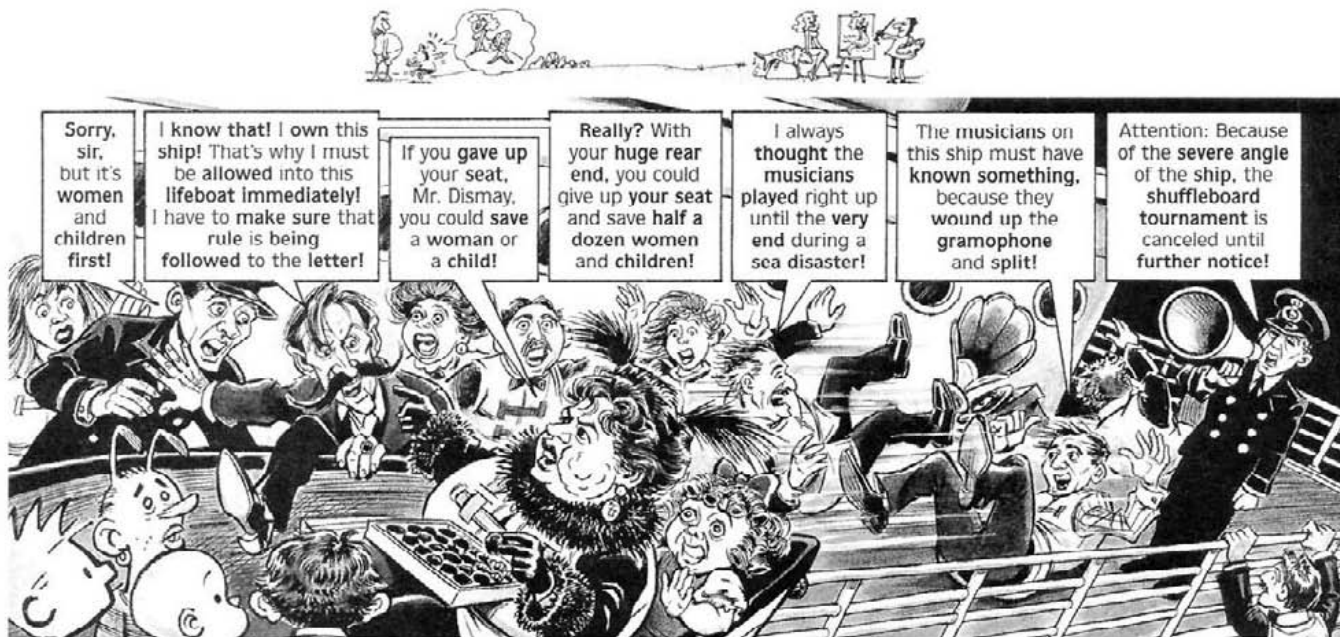


There's an iceberg dead ahead! The captain wants the ship put in reverse immediately!

This is my first job as a stoker! How do we do that?

I'm not sure, but we put coal IN the boilers to make the ship go forward — maybe take the coal OUT of the boilers to make it go backwards!







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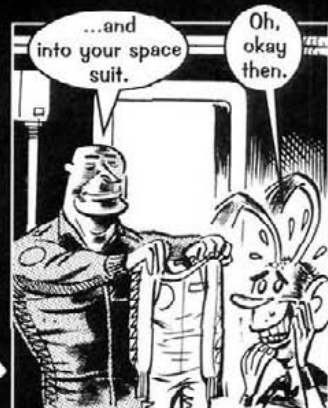
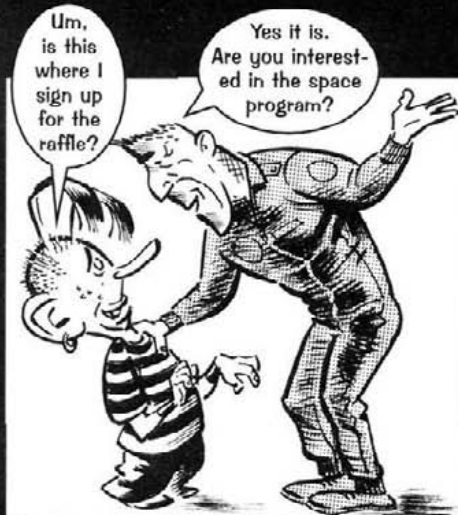
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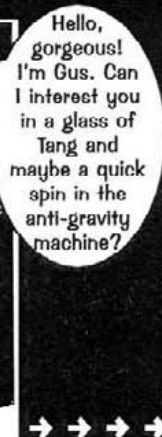
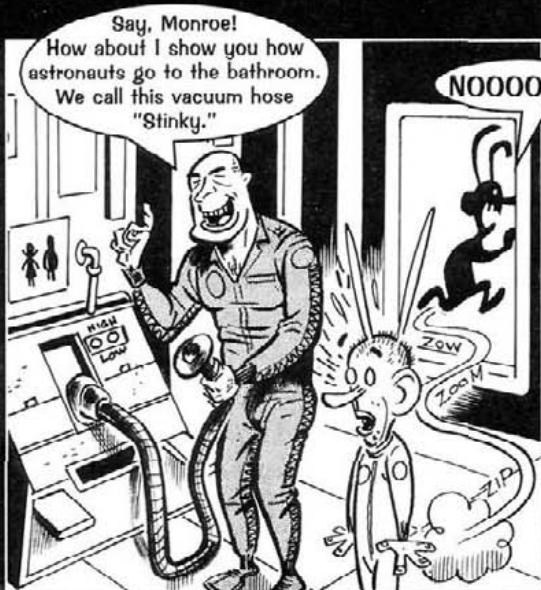
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Assistant Director Skinner is forced to take Mulder's theory about extraterrestrials posing as coffee vendors seriously when their "Shoppes" begin replicating themselves on street-corners all over America.



duo, Mulder and Scully,
to crack the secrets of...

THE GENERATION-

ARTIST: TIMOTHY SHAMEY
WRITER: MIKE SNIDER

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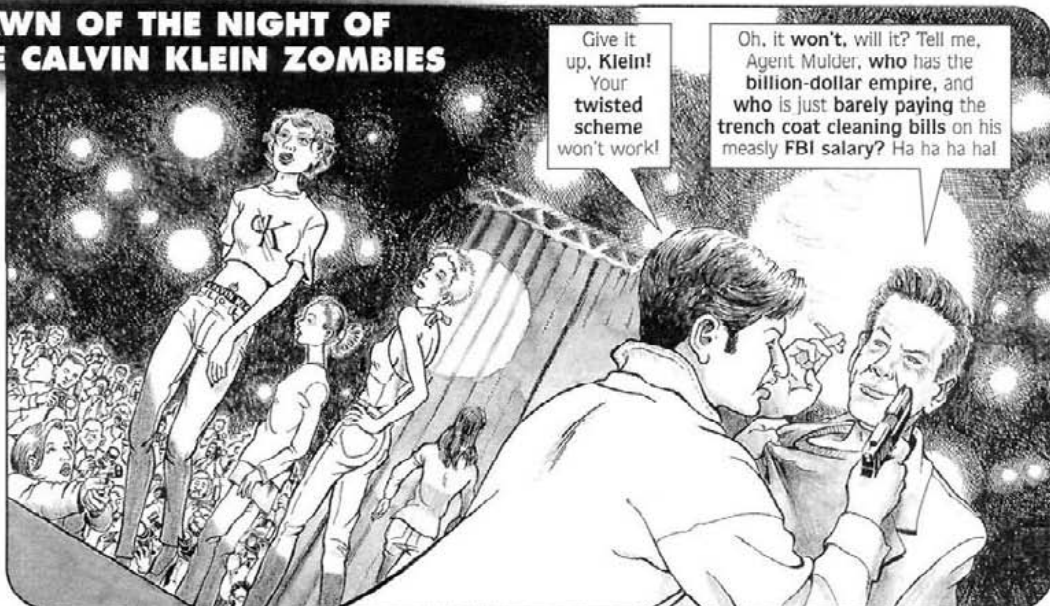
EPISODE 11: CHILDREN OF THE LOST COMBS

It's a puzzle wrapped in an enigma that Mulder and Scully must try and solve: How can a generation that spends so much time obsessing over their hair always look like they just got out of bed?! (Episode also features the first appearance of the mysterious Zima-Slurping Man.)



EPISODE 17: DAWN OF THE NIGHT OF THE CALVIN KLEIN ZOMBIES

With the assistance of a subservient national media, a megalomaniacal fashion designer unleashes his army of anorexic, heroin-addicted walking dead upon unsuspecting consumers. His dastardly goal: To put his own name on the jeans of everyone born since 1965!



-X FILES

EPISODE 28: THE VANISHING JOBS

With the assistance of Deep Dockers, a secret informant from another generation, Mulder and Scully investigate the strange disappearance of millions of jobs that pay more than minimum wage and don't require the wearing of silly paper hats!



EPISODE 23: PIERCED NATION

Mulder suspects an intergalactic conspiracy when unexplainable holes suddenly begin appearing all over the bodies of America's youth — only to be filled by equally inexplicable "Jewelry-Like Implants" (JLIs).



EPISODE 43: SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK

A series of cheesy-but-humtable educational TV spots from the '70s come back to haunt the generation that grew up on them, when it's discovered that they contain subliminal messages that turn viewers back into giddy, drooling children whenever they hear the songs again as adults!



EPISODE 31: JANEANE GARAFALO, WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!

When a second-rate stand-up comedienne with just a few TV and film roles to her credit becomes a generational icon, Mulder is convinced there's only one explanation: Mass hypnosis!



EPISODE 34: HOME SWEET, LIKE, Y'KNOW, HOME

Some mysterious force is magnetically keeping people in their 20s and 30s — even those with good jobs — from moving out on their own! Mulder and Scully must find a way to counteract it to prevent the bankruptcy of a generation of parents and the U.S. apartment-rental market!



TALES FROM the DUCK SIDE

A TOMB WITH A VIEW



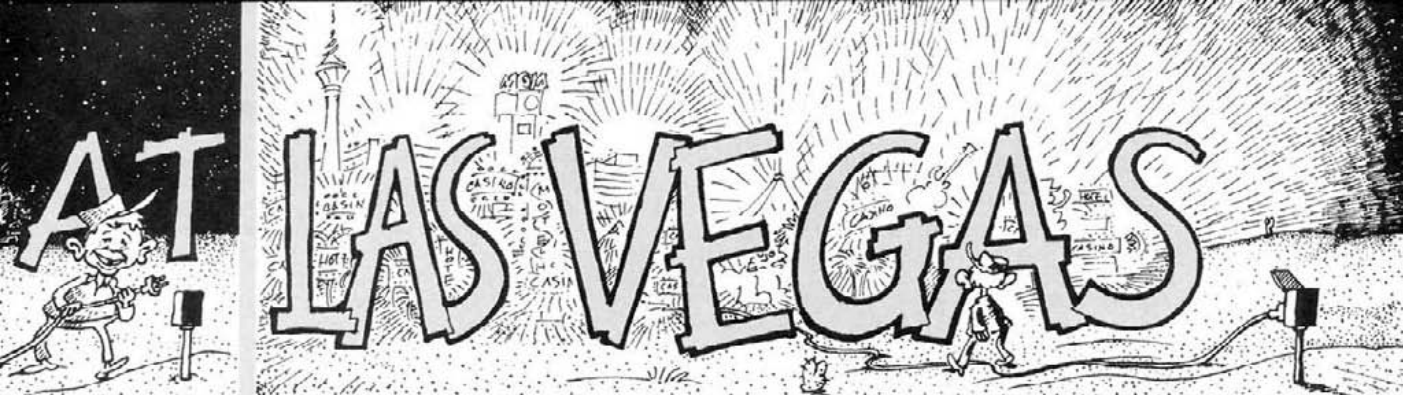
SERGE-IN GENERAL DEPT.

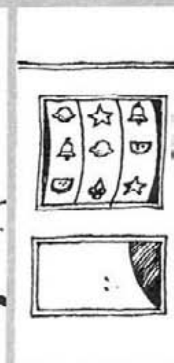
A MAD

LOOK

ARTIST AND WRITER: SERGIO ARAGONES











Every morning NBC airs a little program called *The Today Show*. It's like a lot of other network morning programs, with one exception — as part of its ground-floor studio, there's a giant window that looks out onto the streets of New York! And outside that window is a collection of dweebs, geeks and yahoos so moronic, they make the cast of *Boy Meets World* look like the Nobel Prize selection committee! So, as a public service to our lazy, never-get-out-of-bed-before-noon readers (i.e. you), we've gathered all these mouth-breathers together for a little feature we like to call...

Too cheap to buy a Hallmark card

Out to beat Willard Scott to a pulp for retiring just before her hundredth birthday

Lost conventioners trying to coax a lap dance out of Ann Curry

Believes Al Roker really is an alien, just like *Men in Black* said

Not actually authorized to speak for all of Scranton

Victim of a "Triple Lutz Mishap" at the Rockefeller Center ice rink a block away

Doesn't know it, but she's standing in an authentic pool of New York Homeless Person Body Waste

Lives around the corner — hoping to score some leftovers from the cooking segment





WHO'S WHO OUTSIDE THE TODAY SHOW WINDOW





Every generation develops its own "protest look." In the sixties, the ultimate expression of rebellion was to have long, greasy hair. Today, the only people with long, greasy hair either work in the film business or manage comic book shops. Currently, tattoos and body piercings identify Gen-X trendies rebelling against society and their parents. But tomorrow, you might need tattoos and piercings to get into the Boy Scouts! That's the problem with protest looks — society eventually accepts and gets used to them, meaning the next generation has to come up with an even *more* outrageous and grotesque trend. What does the future hold? Let's travel down not-yet-memory lane and explore...

BODY MODIFICATION TRENDS OF THE FUTURE

ARTIST: TOM BUNK

WRITERS: BRIAN & SEAN FARRELLY

**2000****Rasta Nostrils**

The exotic, reggae-drenched underground cool of Rastafarianism hits its disgusting cultural peak when the dreadlocked nose-hair fad sweeps the nation.

**2012****Body Warping**

Leg and arm bones are deliberately broken and permanently reset in positions that nature never intended. Favorite styles include the "butterfly knot," the "pretzel" and the ever-popular "YMCA."

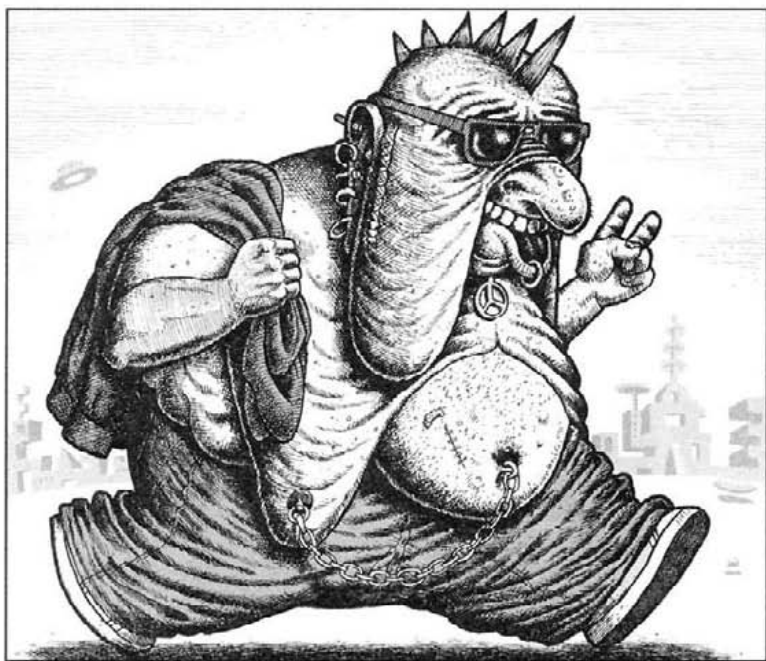




2023

Pirate Cool

Needless amputations and prosthetic limbs become the ultimate in radical fashion when a look dubbed "Pirate Cool" sweeps the nation. Kids everywhere go in for peg legs, hooks and laser eye-removal surgery.



2026

Wrinkle Chic

An offshoot of the baggy pants look of the '90s, baggy skin becomes all the rage. People have their epidermis pulled and stretched like saltwater taffy until their faces and bodies attain that wrinkly, casual, totally fly shar-pei dog look.

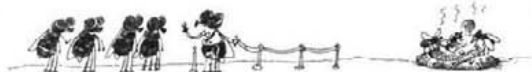


2028

Body Welding, aka Siameseation

Having your boyfriend's or girlfriend's name tattooed on your body is no longer enough to express your eternal devotion. Instead, couples display their commitment to each other by undergoing "Body Welding," a process in which their flesh is stitched together at a spot of their choosing, joining them forever in a permanent bond of love and togetherness.





2030

Unicorn-O-Plasty

Tough guy wannabes everywhere have a unicorn horn surgically implanted in their foreheads. Besides having a new symbol of their rugged individuality, they can also take part in bloody head-butting contests to settle their mating, financial and sports trivia disputes with friends and rivals.



2036

Cellophane Style

Layers of skin are surgically removed and replaced with clear transparent plastic in order to expose internal organs and blood vessels, attaining the trendy "Slim Goodbody/visible man" look.



2033

Tattoo A-Glow-Glow

Fluorescent ink and microchips implanted underneath the skin make possible the newest in body augmentation: flashing neon tattoos. Programmable to flash different messages, most opt to announce their allegiance to a gang or a band, or to publicize their homepage on the web.



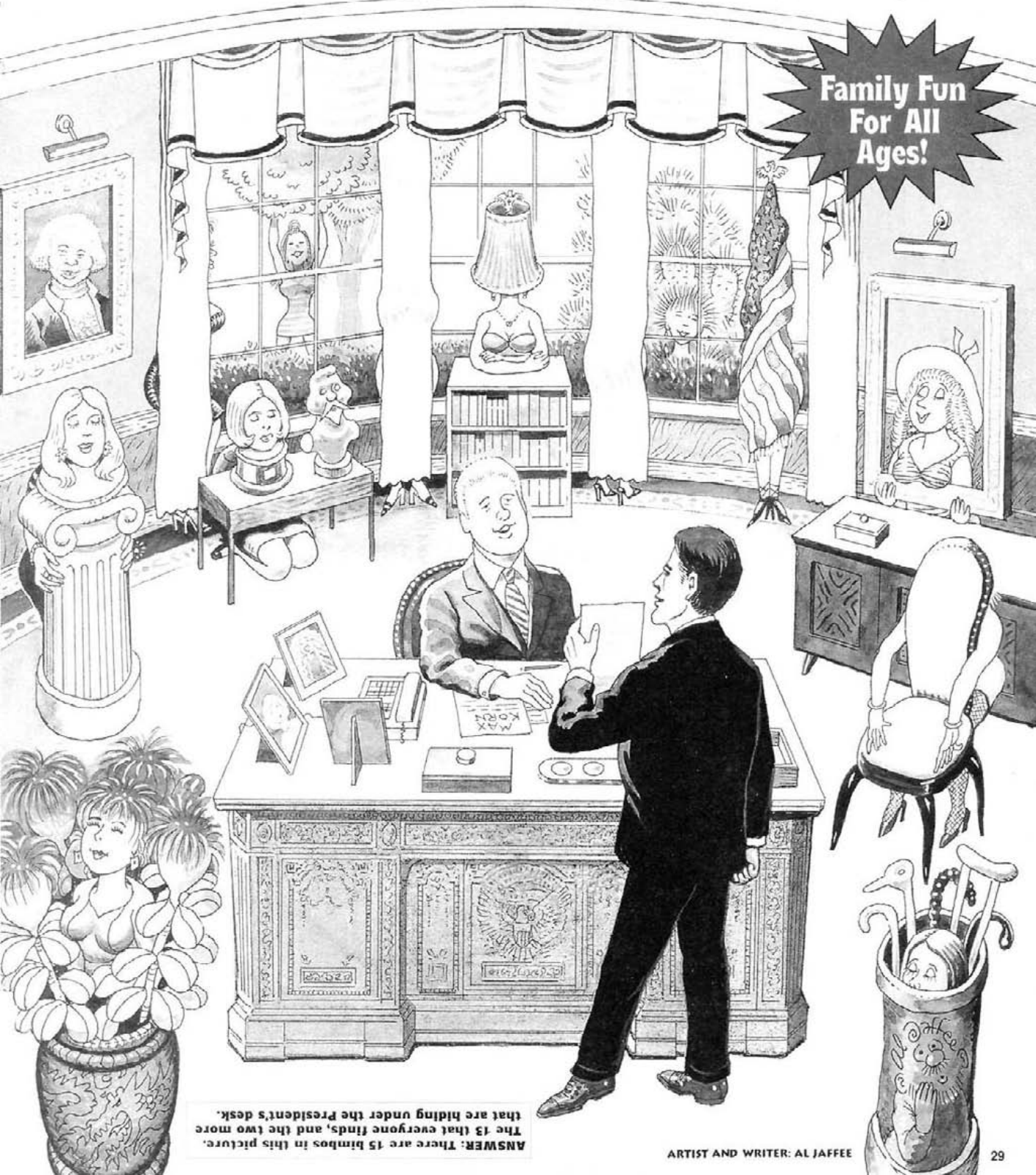
2040

Critterizing, aka Manimal Morphing

Radical animal lovers undergo procedures to resemble the creatures they most adore. Elective options add udders, humps and marsupial pouches. Sea lovers opt to have blowholes and gills created, and to have steel wires pierced through their cheeks (creating the makeshift catfish look so in vogue).

HOW MANY BIMBOS CAN YOU FIND? IN THIS OVAL OFFICE PICTURE?

Family Fun
For All
Ages!



ANSWER: There are 15 bimbos in this picture. The 13 that everyone finds, and the two more that are hiding under the President's desk.

ARTIST AND WRITER: AL JAFFEE

It's been almost three years now since upstart MAD TV dared to challenge long-time powerhouse Saturday Night Live in the late night sketch comedy arena. Both have had their ups and downs and the competition has been the subject of much speculation in the press. But how are the shows really stacking up? Isn't it time that someone took a cold, totally objective and unbiased look at the situation? And who better than us, the magazine that was the inspiration for MAD TV (AND Saturday Night Live, now that we come to think of it)! Letting the chips fall where they may, here's our tallying of...

MAD TV VS SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE

(THE SCORE SO FAR)



SNL:	90 minutes long	+50 Points
MAD TV:	60 minutes long	+400 Points
SNL:	Absolutely no resemblance to MAD Magazine whatsoever	+5,000 Points
MAD TV:	Absolutely no resemblance to MAD Magazine whatsoever	+5,000 Points
SNL:	Always the threat of one of their annoying catch phrases taking over the public consciousness	-50 Points
MAD TV:	No threat of that	+50 Points
SNL:	Makes you think <i>anybody</i> , no matter how untalented, can get a job as a cast member of a national sketch TV comedy show	-500 Points
MAD TV:	Proves it	-5,000 Points



SNL:
Many times, the cast
outnumbers the viewers**-500** Points

MAD TV:
Many times, the cast
outnumbers the jokes**-5,000** Points

MAD TV:
Makes fun of many bad movies**+50** Points

SNL:
Is the cause of many bad movies**-500** Points

MAD TV:
Most shameful moment:
Allowing Pauly Shore to host**-1,000** Points

SNL:
Most shameful moment:
Seasons six through twenty**-10,000** Points

SNL:
Fake commercials often
funniest part of the show**+1,000** Points

MAD TV:
Real commercials often
funniest part of the show**-1,000** Points

MAD TV:
Always watched over by the looming,
inane face of Alfred E. Neuman**-1,000** Points

SNL:
Always watched over by
the looming, inane face
of Lorne Michaels.**-2,000** Points

TOTAL:
SNL: -7,500
MAD TV: -7,500

TULKA

To be continued this (and unfortunately every) Saturday Night!

ARTIST: RICK TULKA

WRITER: RUSS COOPER



HARD LEARNED DEPT.

The cost of tuition at Harvard is now over \$25,000 a year! At the average state university, it's about \$10,000! But even those of you (and we do mean you!) who'll never set foot in one of them smart-guy places still have to deal with the rising price of wising up! What do we mean? Read on, Einstein, as...

MAD EXAMINES THE HIGH COSTS OF EDUCATION

ARTIST: LENNIE MACE
WRITER: MIKE SNIDER

It costs \$7,995 plus tax and license...



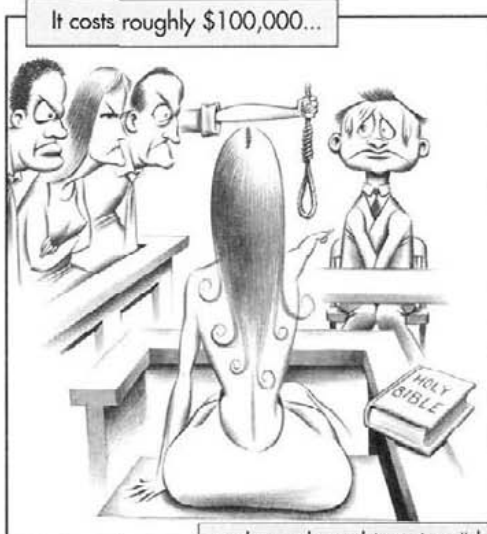
...to learn that the only woman you're going to impress with a practical car that gets great gas mileage is your mother!

It costs \$4,300...



...to learn that the computer salesman wasn't trying to put one over on you when he said, "Spend the extra \$20 for a good surge protector!"

It costs roughly \$100,000...



...to learn that whispering "she's got a great ass" at the water cooler can be overheard and used in court!

It costs \$1.50 and a shelf full of unwanted music...



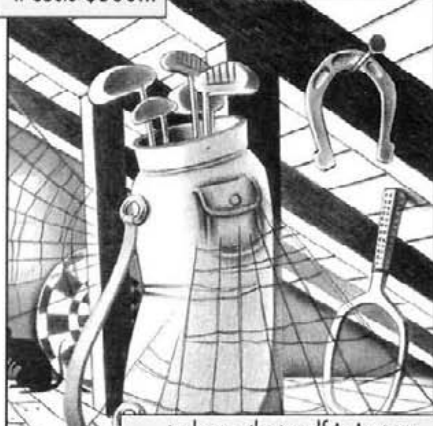
...to learn that you DON'T get 12 CDs for "just a penny"!

It costs \$125 plus tip...



...to learn that the "Coolio look" just isn't for you!

It costs \$500...



...to learn that golf is just as stupid and boring a game now as it was *before* Tiger Woods!

It costs \$23...



...to learn that some bone-head with a catchy book title doesn't have any more of a clue about women than you!

It costs \$135 plus tax...



...to learn that "it's NOT the shoes!"

It costs \$19.95 a month (and endless hours at the keyboard)...



...to learn that you're just as big a failure with women electronically as you are face to face!

It costs \$500 a day...



...to learn exactly how Las Vegas hotel/casinos can offer rooms for only \$20 a night and breakfast for just 99 cents!

It costs \$5.99...



...to learn that Larry Flynt is not quite the cute 'n' cuddly publisher that Woody Harrelson portrayed him to be in the movies!

letters to
hanson

ALLENDALE, CALIF.
PM
28 MAY
1954

LAURA
FINSTERMARCHE
2329 HOUSEWIFE LANE, PEORIA, IL 3

Dear Hanson,

I am the mother of four teenagers and I just want to applaud you for being such a fine, upstanding role model for today's youth! In this age of "Grudge Rock" and "Beavis and Butt-man," it's rare to find performers as happy and cheerful as you three ladies!

(And don't worry, girls — those breasts will start growing before you know it!)

Sincerely,

Laura Finstermarcher

February 12, 1938
(sixth letter of the day!)

Dear Hanson,

Reason #2, 34% Why Hanson
is the greatest:
- close flips his

Reason #2847 why Hanson
is the greatest is
Taylor's left dimple.

Reason #2848 why Hanson
is the greatest:
* Zack's cool robot
dancing on stage *

Sorry I can't list more reasons now, but my parents have this troque idea that I'm obsessed with you and have limited me to only one ream of paper per week! (And they say fascism is dead!)

Love Love Love Love
Me (Again!)



from the desk of
Louise

Dear Hanson,

Call me weird, but I'm a baby-boomer mom who's always gone for high-concept/low-talent musical groups—from the Monkees and the Partridge Family of my youth, to Bananarama and Milli Vanilli of the '80s, and even, for a brief time, being sucked in by Hanson-Mania along with my kids.

That is, until I recently found out the awful and disgusting truth about your group: you actually write your own songs and play your own instruments! What a dastardly fraud to commit on legions of fans who pay good money thinking they're hearing the best studio musicians out there, being lip-synched by pretty-boy front singers without an original thought in their head!

SHAME ON YOU!!!

An EX-Hanson Fan!!!

Dear Hanson,

I love you guys so much, I recently got tatoos of your names and faces all over my body! My older brother (he's in high school!!!!!!) says this is was stupid because even though you seem big now, you're probably a flavor-of-the-month who'll be nothing but a trivia question next year → and I'll be stuck with dumb tatoos for the rest of my life!!!!!!

Isn't that the silliest thing you ever heard? Everyone knows that Hanson will **RULE FOREVER!!!!!!**

Love, Missy Maxwell

P.S. Who are "New Kids on the Block" and "Menudo"? My IDIOT brother keeps bringing up??

Dear Hanson:

What a bunch of wusses you are! That girl hair! Those fey hand gestures! All that mincing around onstage! I mean, c'mon, there's a certain level of "flaming-ness" that's just too much — even for me!

Straighten up,
for God's sake!

Sincerely,

Richard Simmons



Hey Hanson!
Okay, it's time we had it out! The teen-bunk world isn't big enough for the both of us! Meet you in the alley behind Tiger Beat magazine this Saturday (our curfew is at 10:00!)
Signed,
The Backstreet Boys

THE HANSON
and the Backstreet Boys
are the best
ever!

CR
DRUCKER

Dear Hanson,

You are the SWEETEST CUTEST SWEETEST! I'll bet you'd ALL be the best boyfriends!! I'll bet you'd LOVE a girl even if she wasn't the Smartest or the best looking! Why, I'll even bet you'd LOVE a girl who had braces, thick eyeglasses, many zits or was a few pounds overweight, Even if she was retaining water because of the stress of dealing with her bratty sister

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DEAR ZAC, YOU YUMMY BOY,

I'M A 14 YEAR-OLD ~~MAN~~ GIRL, WHO JUST LOVES SURFING THE INTERNET AND TROLLING LOOKING FOR NEW MEAT NEW FRIENDS! WHEN I STUMBLED UPON ONE OF THE 3,000 HANSON WEBSITES AND SAW YOUR FACE—WELL, I JUST HAD TO WRITE!

I KNOW THIS IS KIND OF SUDDEN, BUT COULD YOU COME VISIT ME? I'LL EVEN SEND YOU A ONE-WAY BUS TICKET, AND PUT IT ON MY VISA MY PARENTS' VISA CARD! PLEASE, PLEASE COME—AND DON'T TELL ANYBODY!

YOUR NEW PAL,

~~Gas~~ Trish

Dear Hanson,

I'm a twelve year-old girl who had a huge crush on the three of you. That is, until my therapist explained what was really going on: she said that you embody a "non-threatening masculinity" which enables me to fulfill my immature romantic desires without the "physical demands" of "real boys," which could "prove damaging to someone at my fragile, psycho-sexual age."

So now, I think YOU SUCK!

Alexandra
Whistle

Upper West Side, New York, NY

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THE SCHMUCKS STOP HERE DEPT.

You are cordially invited to read the following little treatise on the proper and improper behavior when attending a social function. The dress, casual. The time, now. The title...

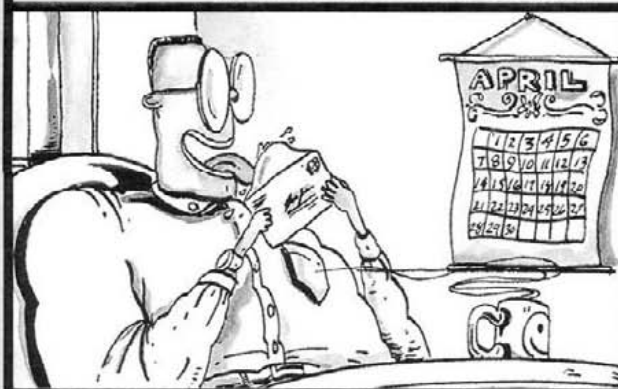
How much FER your laughter? When we goin' to eat? Yeah, I brought something... me.

Melvin & Jenkins

GUIDE TO PARTY GOING

Jenkins

Jenkins knows that parties mean planning, and so takes care to RSVP in plenty of time for his hosts to expect his attendance with one guest.



Melvin

Melvin argues that NOWHERE on the freakin' invitation does it specifically exclude his pit bulls.



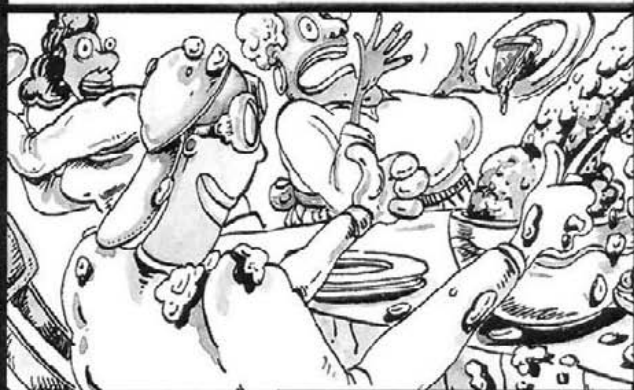
Jenkins

Jenkins arrives with a beautiful ice sculpture centerpiece he made himself, to the delight of the hosts.



Melvin

Even regular viewers of porn are shocked at the fine detail of Melvin's potato-salad recreation of the human reproductive system.



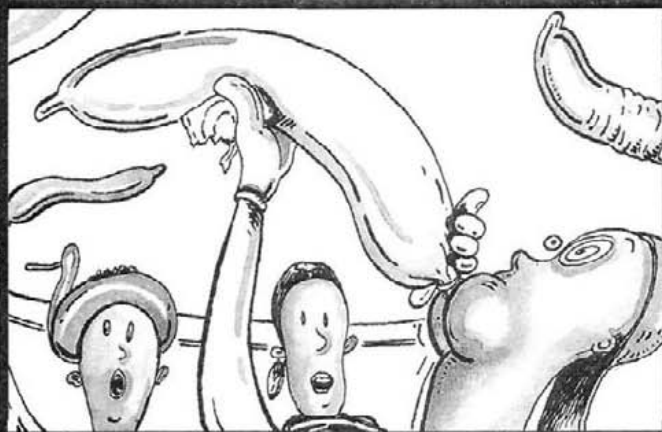
Jenkins

Jenkins amuses the children at the party by teaching them how to make funny balloon animals.



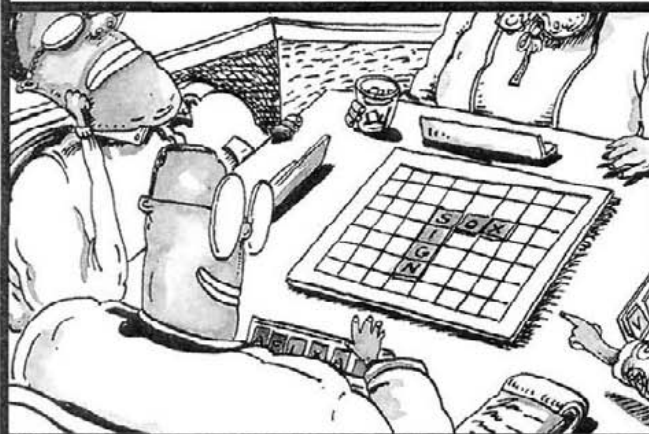
Melvin

Melvin does more or less the same thing, except that all of the animals have reservoir tips.



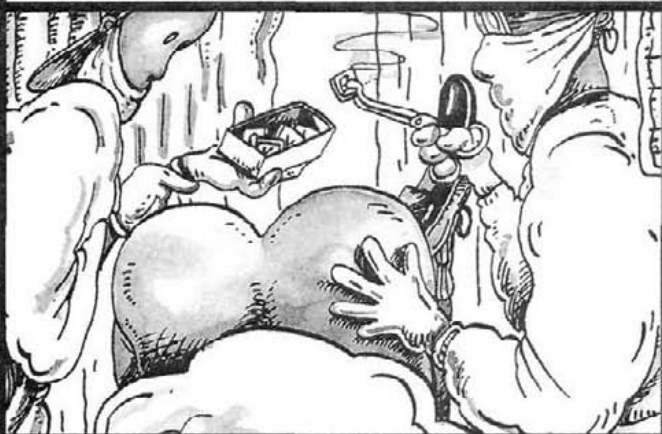
Jenkins

Jenkins really believes that "sox" should not be considered a legal Scrabble word, but in the interest of friendly competition lets it pass.



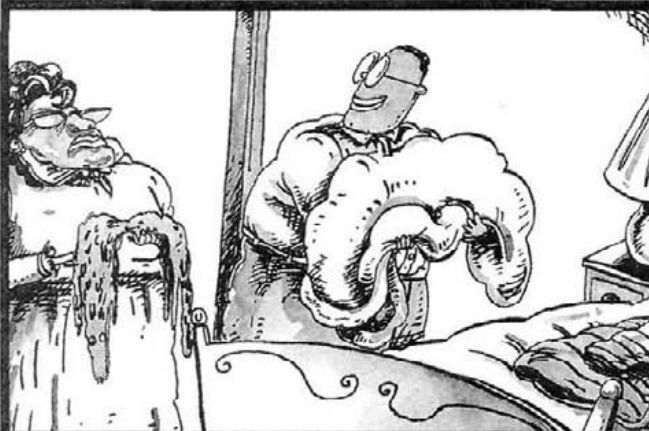
Melvin

Melvin's opponents are forced to endure hours of delicate surgery to remove 11 consonants and six vowels.



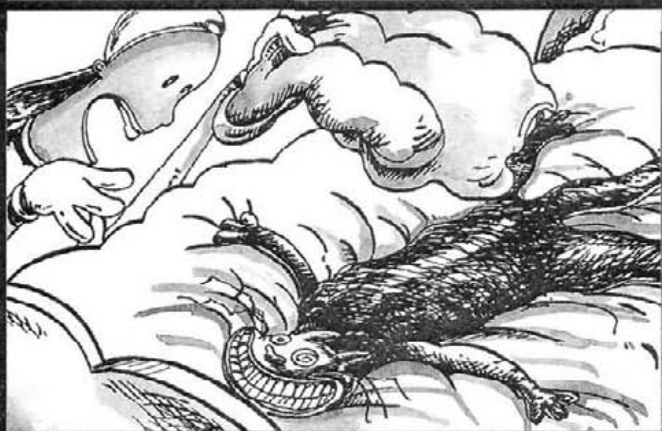
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Jenkins offers to carry some jackets inside to lay across the bed.



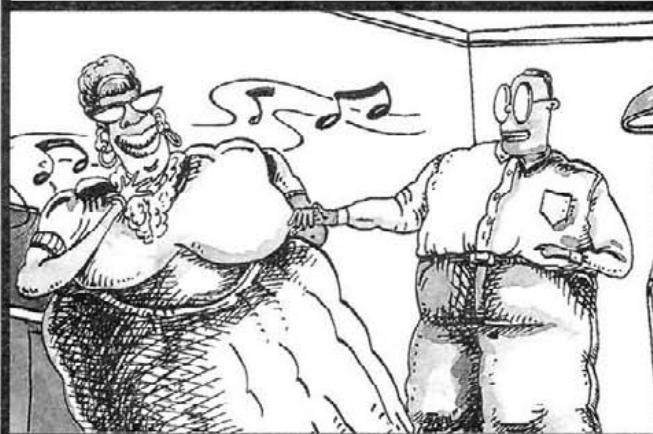
Melvin

Melvin does the same, but never stops to consider what effect the crushing weight of 15 heavy winter coats might have on the host's cat.



Jenkins

Jenkins graciously asks the host's mother if she would care to dance.



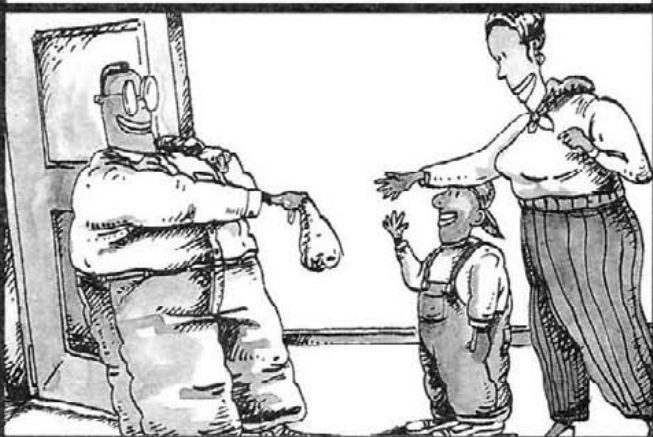
Melvin

Melvin's depraved grinding awakens sensations that Grandma's loins haven't felt since Dwight Eisenhower's first term.



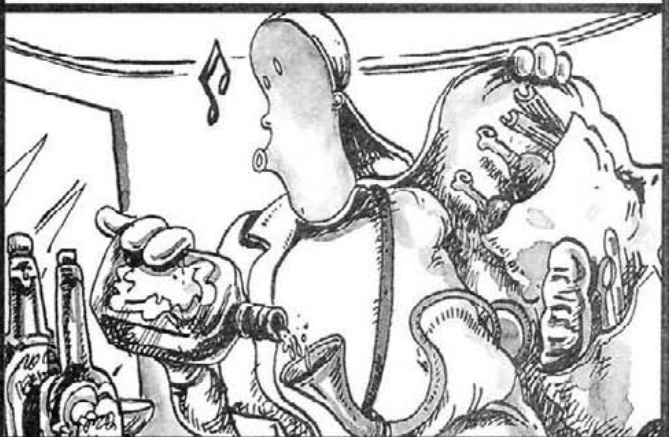
Jenkins

Jenkins gladly accepts a take-home bag of leftovers when offered.



Melvin

Melvin creates an elaborate system of tubing and vinyl-lined pockets inside his pants, so that he can lug a few gallons of free booze home with him.



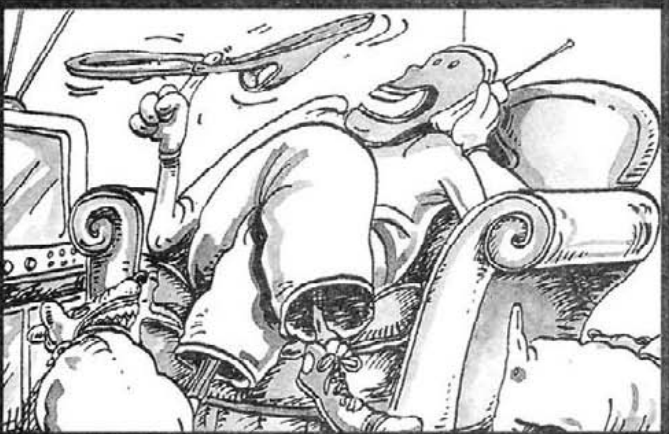
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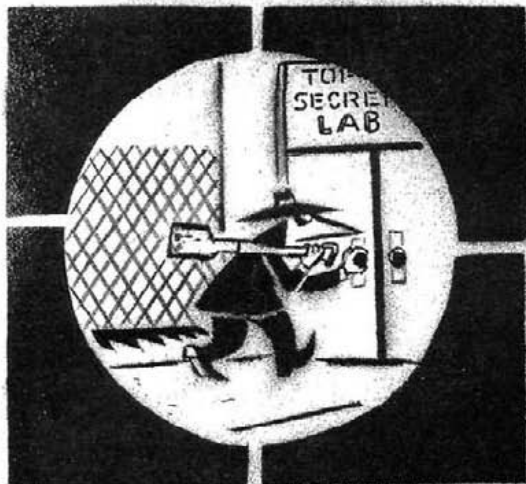
Jenkins promptly sends a note to the hostess thanking her for a delightful evening.

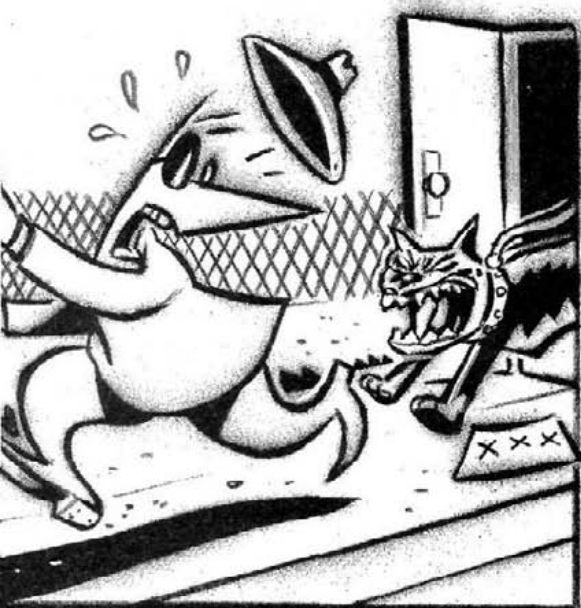
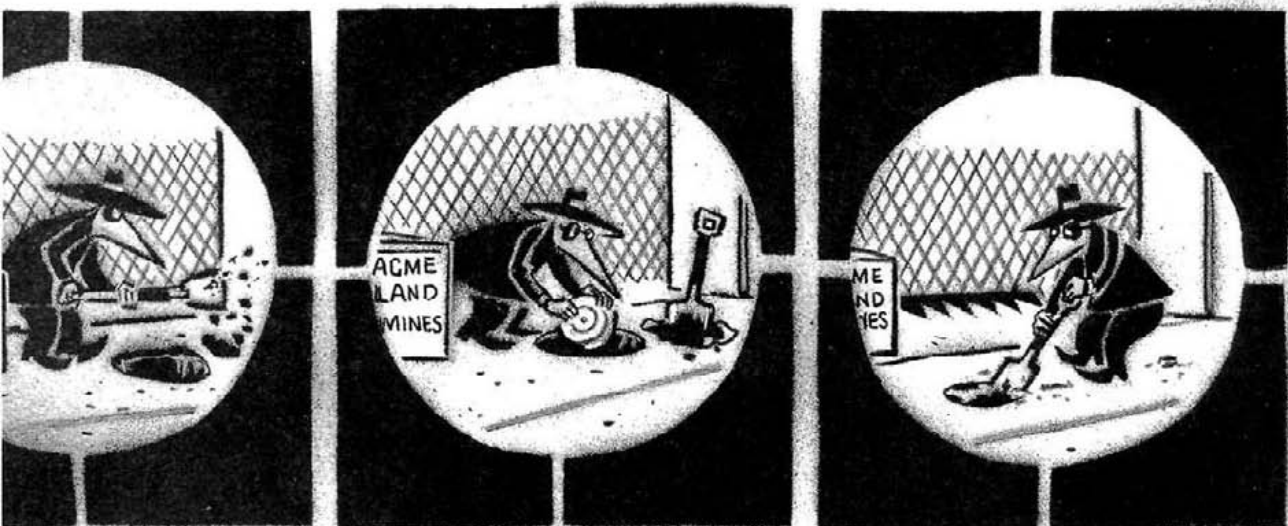


Melvin

Melvin briefly considers sending the hostess back the panties that he swiped from her hamper but decides to sell them to a friend instead.







KUPER



BEHIND THE
DUPLICATE BALL DEPT.

Reality shows
just got real!
Move over COPS,
MAD proudly presents...

COPIES

Bad boys, bad boys! Whatcha gonna do?

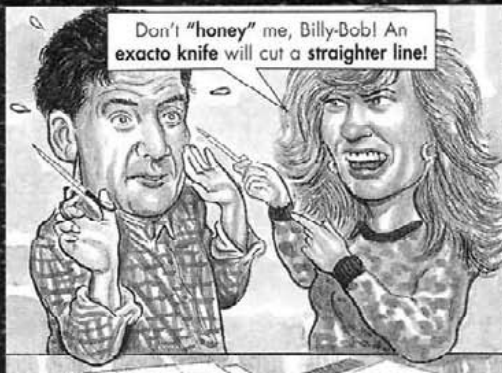
The graveyard shift really brings out the crazies! I swear, there's not a moment's rest! This one guy wanted color copies of his black and white originals and I looked at him and said, "Are you freakin' nuts, man?!? Stop and think about...uh-oh, over there, trouble!"



12:15 a.m. Shift Begins



Listen, honey, I say we cut the invitations with these!



Don't "honey" me, Billy-Bob! An exacto knife will cut a straighter line!



A simple domestic dispute can be one of the most dangerous situations we face!



Okay, okay! Can we all just take a deep breath here?

1:37 a.m. Crowd Control



Didn't I tell you not to put the 8" by 11" paper in the 11" by 17" tray?

Hey man, I know what I'm doing!

Doesn't this badge mean anything to you? Stand down!

WARNING:
Due to the graphic nature of this show we recommend that young children—and people who don't like graphics—don't view it.

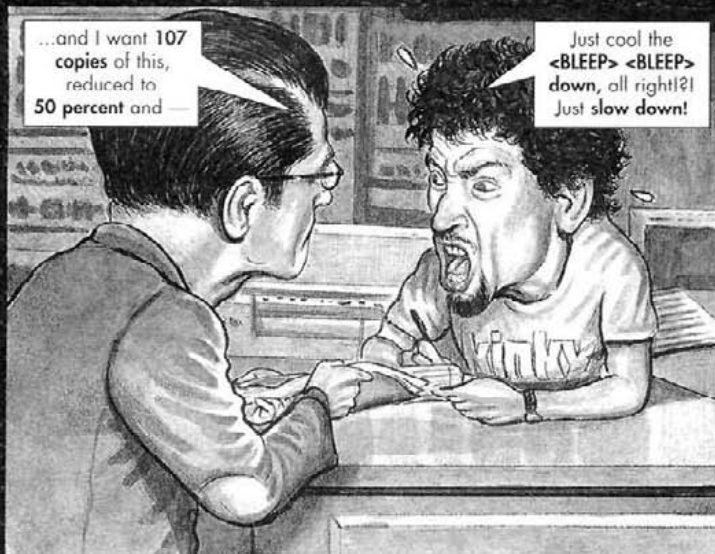
COPIES is a glimpse into the shadowy world of word processing and document-related services! Our cameras take you behind the scenes to hit the streets with a group of dedicated, hard-stapled, paper-pushing public servants who have ink in their veins and liquid paper up their noses! They're true originals who are proud to copy!

COPIES is filmed live with the men and women of Kinky's Copies in Big Butte, Tennessee!

Whatcha gonna do when they collate you?

ARTIST: DREW FRIEDMAN
WRITERS: SCOTT SONNEBORN
AND ANDY RHEINGOLD

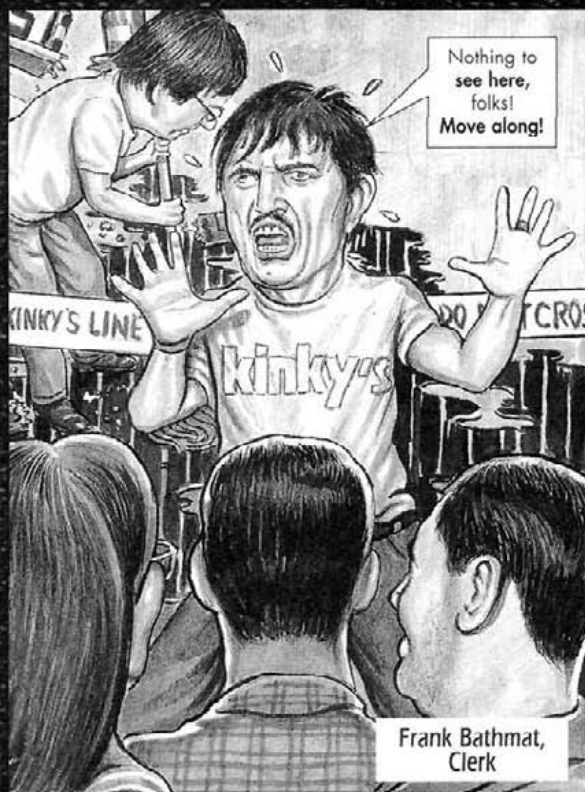
2:23 a.m. Help Call



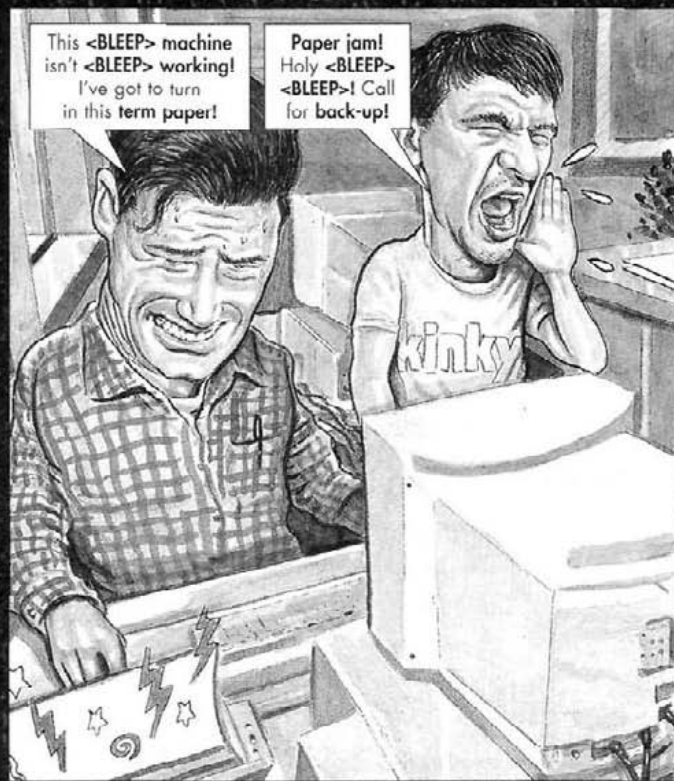
3:08 a.m. Back Room



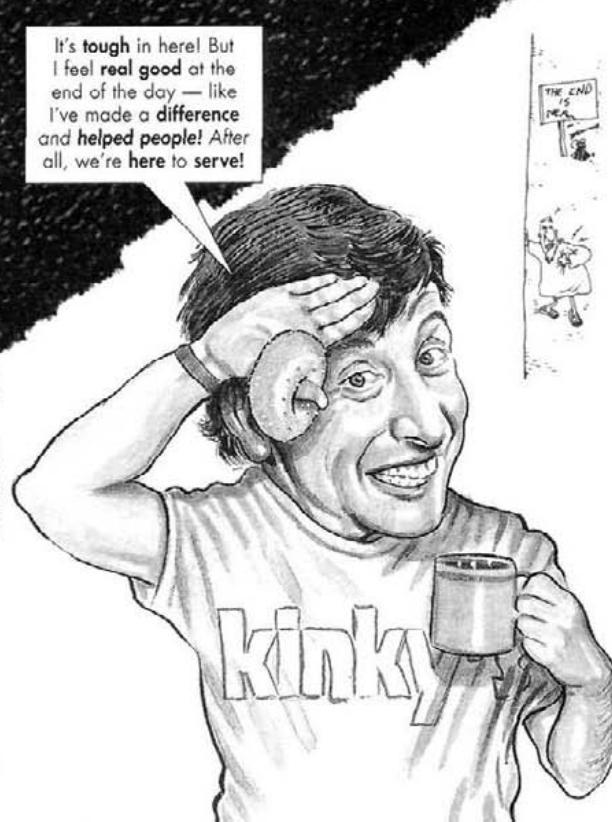
3:15 a.m. Self-Service Area



5:04 a.m. Computer Terminal



6:30 a.m. End of Shift





VH-DUMB DEPT.

There's a great new magazine

currently on the newstands that we love so much, we decided to excerpt it right here and now! (The fact that we happen to be the creators of this "great new magazine" is a mere coincidence and has **NOTHING** to do with our decision!) **MAD Pop Off Video** is 48 pages in **FULL COLOR** blasting classic music videos! Finally, you can see rap and rock stars crawling around on all fours like dogs, shamelessly grabbing their crotches and cavorting with midgets and dwarves—without turning on your TV! Here's an intensely stupid sampling from that great new magazine...

ALL NEW! FULL COLOR!

MAD

It took a male co-writer + male director to...

POP OFF VIDEO

Including

48 PAGES SLAMMING YOUR FAVORITE MUSIC VIDEOS!

Puff Daddy
Aerosmith
Spice Girls
Dr. Dre
Madonna
Soundgarden
Alanis Morissette
Michael Jackson
Hanson
Will Smith
And More!

Add 75 lbs. each to these two guys and you're talking *Blues Brothers III*.

Written by Desmond Devlin

SHOCKING STUFF THEY'LL NEVER POP UP ON VH1!

May 1998 \$3.99 Canada \$4.95
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HANSON "MMMBOP"



The biggest musical influence on Hanson is another singing family trio: Alvin and the Chipmunks.



According to Hanson, an MMMBop is "just a brief moment in time, that's gone before you know it." Hanson's career will last 3.4 MMMBops.

MAD POP OFF VIDEO

WILL SMITH "MEN IN BLACK"



This is rap music for people who think that Babyface is a little too "hardcore."

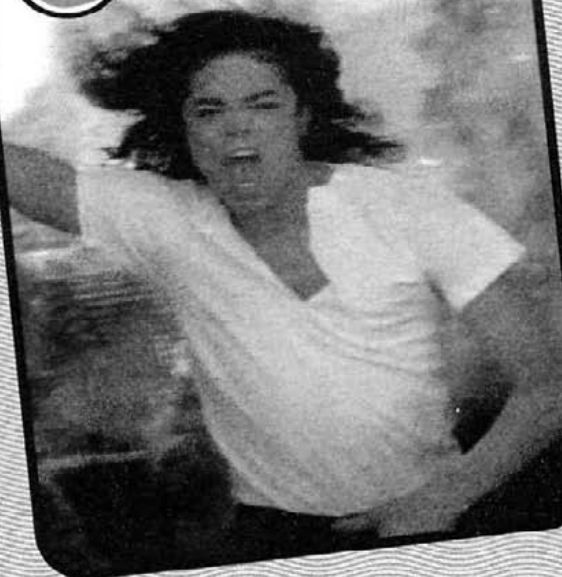


Will's former partner, DJ Jazzy Jeff, reportedly did an excellent job of fetching donuts and running small errands for the crew.

MICHAEL JACKSON "BLACK OR WHITE"



For what this video cost, Jackson could have bought the silence of 14.5 young boys.



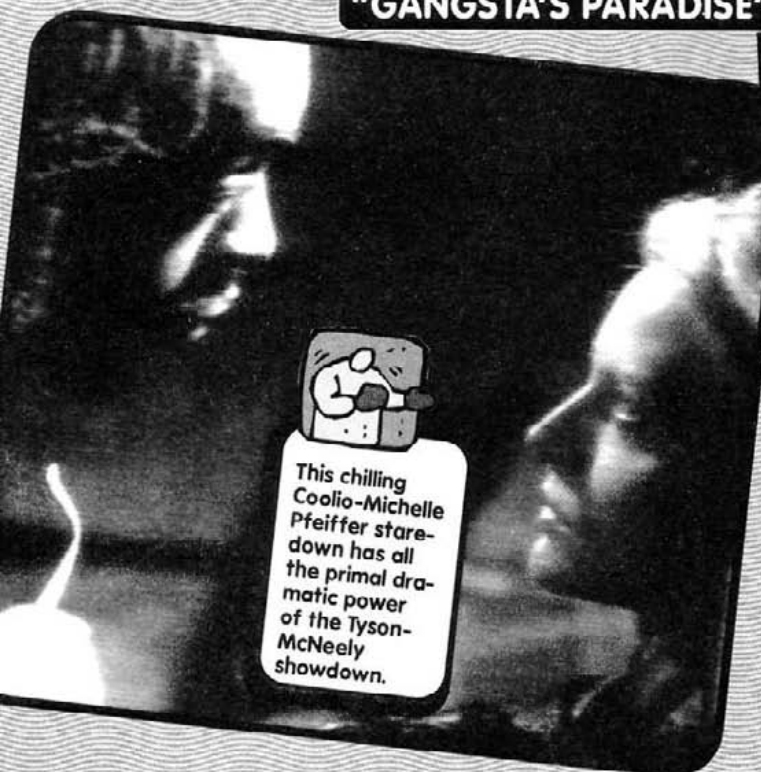
MICHAEL JACKSON "BAD"



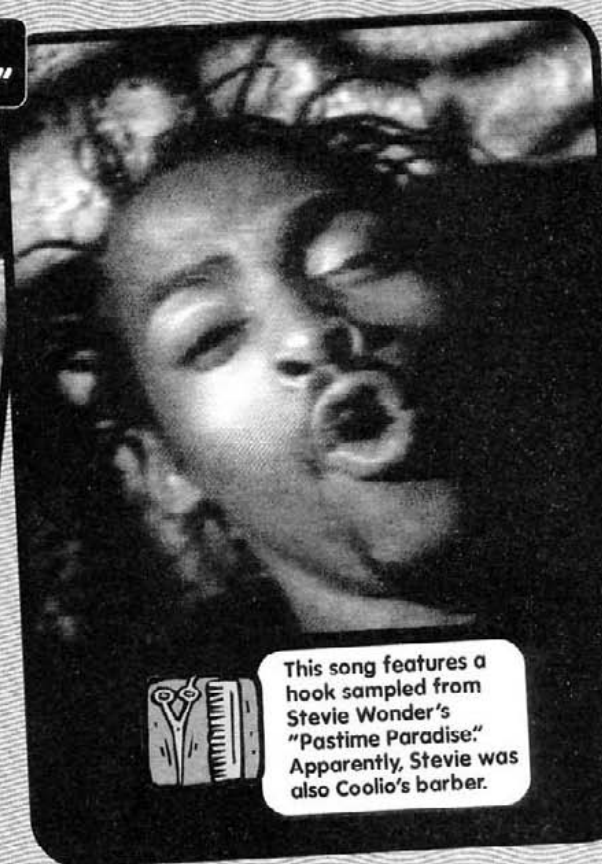
The New York subways were constructed from 1900-1904, with hundreds of workers chopping holes on the surface, and filling them in as they went. The process was not unlike the history of Michael's face.



COOLIO
"GANGSTA'S PARADISE"

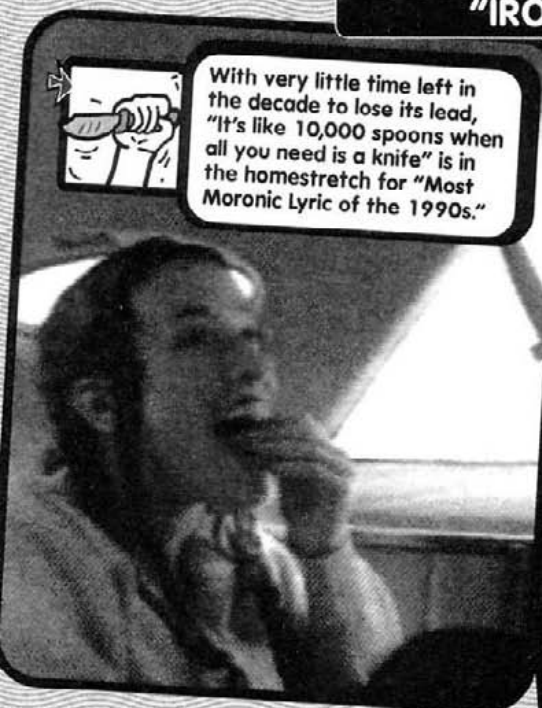


This chilling Coolio-Michelle Pfeiffer stare-down has all the primal dramatic power of the Tyson-McNeely showdown.

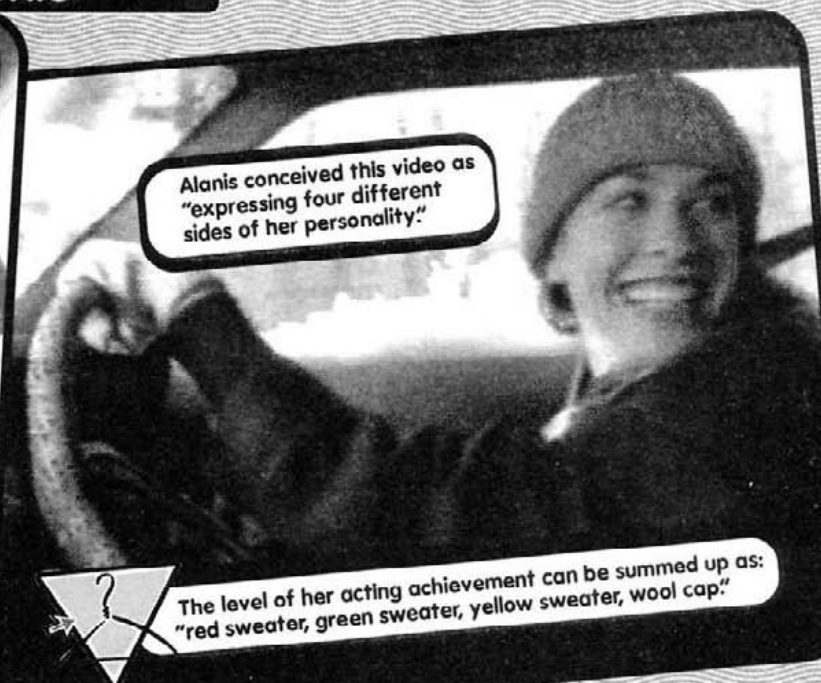


This song features a hook sampled from Stevie Wonder's "Pastime Paradise." Apparently, Stevie was also Coolio's barber.

ALANIS MORISSETTE
"IRONIC"



With very little time left in the decade to lose its lead, "It's like 10,000 spoons when all you need is a knife" is in the homestretch for "Most Moronic Lyric of the 1990s."



Alanis conceived this video as "expressing four different sides of her personality."



The level of her acting achievement can be summed up as: "red sweater, green sweater, yellow sweater, wool cap."



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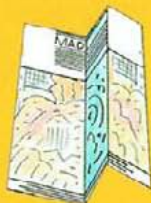
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ARTIST: HERMANN MEJIA
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ORGANIZATION
THREATENS THE
LIFE AND LIBERTY
OF EVERY AMERICAN?**

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS MAD FOLD-IN

It used to be that we only had to worry about terrorist acts happening outside of the United States. Now the threats have reached our shores and everyone is living in a state of apprehension. But there is one especially evil and ruthless enemy that stands out as a source of constant tyranny. To find out who this dreaded menace to society is, fold page in as shown.



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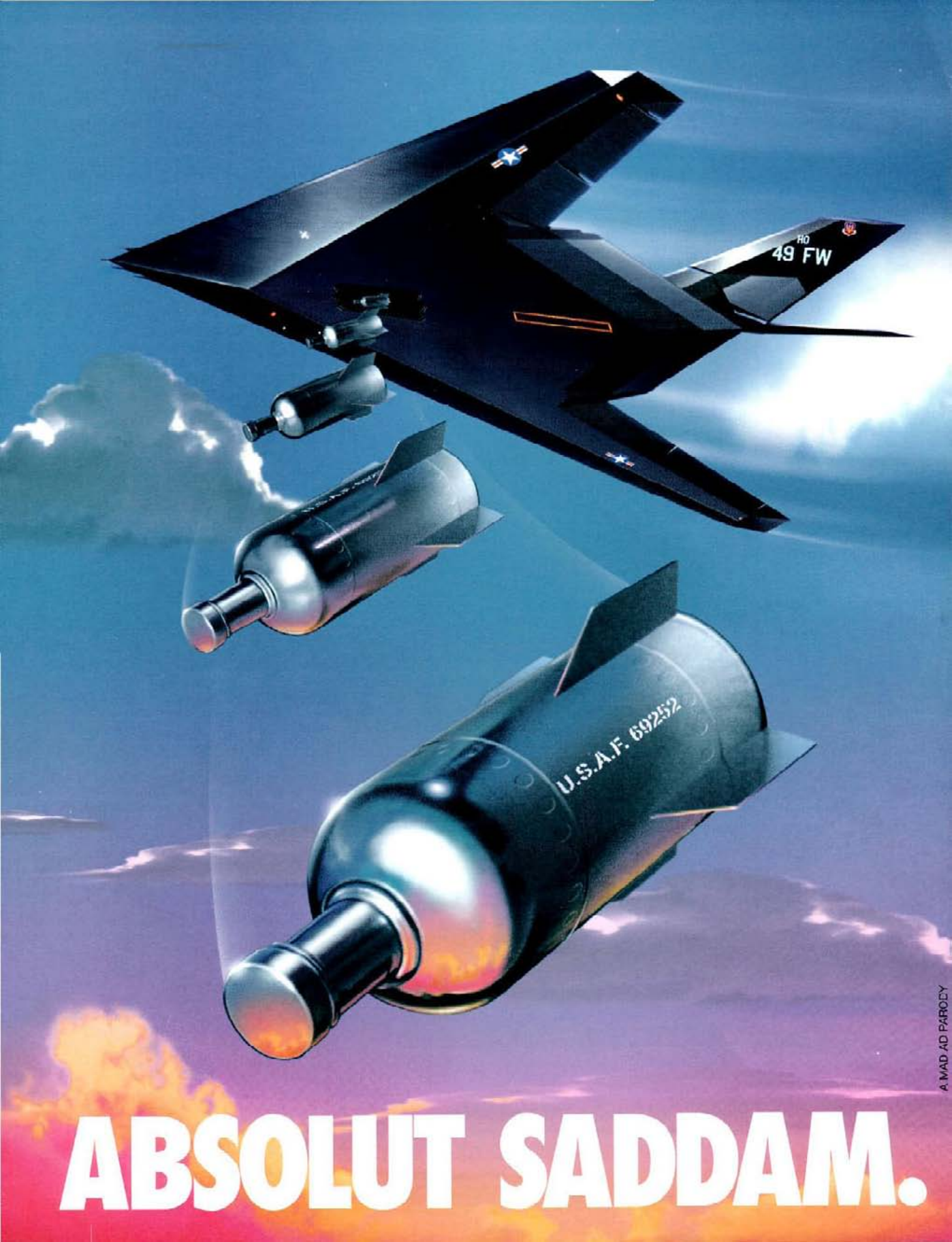


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ARTIST AND WRITER: AL JAFFEE

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